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OPTICAL DISC DRIVE FOR PERFORMING READ/WRITE OPERATIONS AND

OPTICAL DISKS (AS AMENDED)

## **CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119**

## MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

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The benefit of the filing dates of the following prior applications filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested and the right of priority provided under 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Appl. No. P11-047422, filed February 25, 1999

Japanese Patent Appl. No. P11-055410, filed March 3, 1999

In support of this claim, filed within parent application Serial No. 09/511,893 is a certified copy of said original foreign application.

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